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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6366

BILL NUMBER: SB 395

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various Education Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Yoder

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Education Service Centers:* This bill amends the definition of "educational service center". It repeals provisions relating to the establishment and administration of an educational service agency by the Indiana State Board of Education (State Board).

Curricular Materials: The bill replaces the definition of "textbook" with a definition of "curricular materials". It provides that the Indiana Department of Education (Department) shall determine the process for evaluating the curricular materials' alignment to academic standards and the appropriateness of the reading level of the curricular materials. The bill also requires the Department to describe the method used to evaluate curricular materials within the earlier of: (1) 18 months after the adoption of standards by the State Board; or (2) six years after the previous review of curricular materials. It provides that, in order for a publisher's curricular materials to be included in the Department's report, the publisher must: (1) make the curricular materials available for sale to schools for a period of at least six years; and (2) provide a grant or license to the school corporation to allow for reproduction of the adopted curricular materials in large type, Braille, and audio formats. The bill makes changes to the type of curricular subject matter that the Department must review to show that the curricular material is aligned to academic standards. It repeals the requirement that a superintendent of a school corporation forward a list of the curricular materials selected by the superintendent.

The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Curricular Materials:* The bill replaces the definition of textbook with

curricular materials. The definition of curricular materials is the same as the definition of textbooks in current law. The definition includes:

1. Books.
2. Hardware that will be consumed, accessed, or used by a single student during a semester or year.
3. Computer software.
4. Digital content.

Textbooks are currently on a 6-year adoption cycle, which is the same as curricular materials.

The change from textbooks to curricular materials should have minor or no fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Education Service Centers:* There are currently nine education service centers that cover the state of Indiana. Education Service Centers operate in a specific geographic region, and schools have to use the center in their region. The bill would allow schools to create additional centers to serve their common needs. The impact would depend on the education service centers created and the services they provide. Schools pay for the services obtained from their current revenue streams.

Curricular Materials: Changing the definition of textbook to curricular materials and the corresponding changes to the period the material can be used and availability of materials should have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources:

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